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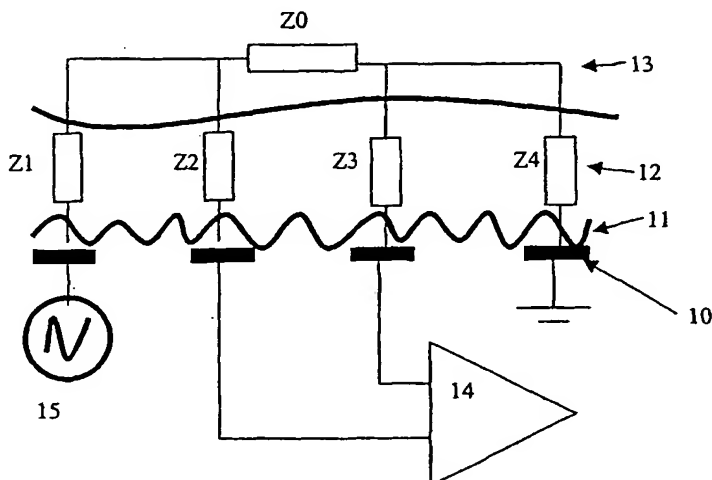
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electrode with the measurements of the other pickup electrodes and with the predetermined set of characteristics for determining the surface condition.

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